

2nd Grade Scoop

Dec. 16–20, 2013		Mrs. Spielmann	West Central Elementary
<p>Character Education The Character Education word for December is: Kindness. Kindness is being positive, honoring our differences, listening to one another and discovering our similarities. Kindness is contagious! Each week we will be giving away Subway Certificates to students who exhibit these characteristics!</p>	<p>Math This week we will be working with counting by groups of 2,5,10, and work on counting money. We will also work on problem solving strategies. Please work with your child on memorizing math flash cards in addition and subtraction. We continue to do Mad Minute Math tests and CGI problems on a daily basis. AAAAAAAAAAAAA Just a reminder: Homework is: *Study spelling words *Read for 20 minutes every night *Memorize math flash cards for addition and subtraction *Practice writing short stories *Practice fluency sheets *Please remember to initial your child's planner with time read each night</p>	<p>Creative Writing We are writing stories every day. We use various prompts that are aligned to Common Core Standards. The students really get excited when it is writing time and sharing on the "Author's Chair." ----- Spelling The students are working on spelling with digraphs n/kn/r/wr, gh, ph, suffixes ly, ness. We will be doing Differentiated Spelling. Each child will come home with their own personal list of words in their Planners. Daily activities to reinforce spelling words include: Word Search, ABC Order, Double Puzzle, write a letter to your teacher using list words and finding meanings of the spelling words in the dictionary and using list words in sentences.</p>	 <p>Dates to Remember: December 17 - Bookmobile December 19 - Trojan Buck Store December 20 - Christmas Party - 2:15 January 6- Return from Winter Break ***** Phonics & Grammar *Genre: Realistic Fiction, and connect prior knowledge Reading: Read Aloud Anthology "The Best Story Ever" Guided Reading Groups: Fluency, comprehension skills, predicting, and author's message, realistic fiction, and author's purpose. Independent Reading and A.R. Tests. Encourage your child to read & practice math facts each night. This is a very powerful habit that pays off in the long run. These are skills they need to know.</p>
<p>Social Studies/ Weekly Reader This week we will be learning about various kinds of penguins. Vocabulary Words: emperor, fairy, Humboldt, rockhopper, and resources</p>	 		

Vocabulary

Vocabulary is critical to reading because it supports comprehension and communication.

High Frequency Words for this week are: draw, expensive, thumb, care, enjoy, chest

Robust Vocabulary Words for this week are: disturb, underneath, cozy, enchanting, instead, thrilled, review, celebrate, procrastinate, diversion

Quick Tip: To expose your child to these words, one suggestion may include placing word cards around the house and having the student read and define the words as they find them.

In our literacy centers, we place the words on index cards with the definitions on the back. The students read the cards and work with partners to become more familiar with the words.

Writing: (Writing complete sentences)

We will write paragraphs about various pictures. Writing

Trait: (Ideas) Conventions (using the

correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling). We will also work on describing. The students will also work on using effective word choices in their writing—such as rhyming words and colorful words to clarify description and revise word choices. Bullying Contract: I promise I will not bully others. I promise I will not hurt others through my words or my actions. I promise to be kind. Be Safe. Be ready to learn!

Read Aloud Charts

"My Cat and I" – (describing how we listen for a purpose)

Students will discuss what they enjoyed most about the poem.

"First Snow" – Students will think about what is happening in the poem and the feeling they get from it. listening listening

Listening Center

Stories: "Mr. Putter & Tabby Write the BOOk" by Cynthia Rylant

Genre: Realistic Fiction

While listening to these stories, the students will learn new vocabulary words: disturb, underneath, enchanting, thrilled. The students will also orally discuss the beginning, middle, and end of the story & the author's message. They will also learn about story structure.

Dec. Snacks

16– Fisher

17– Savannah, & Annaliese

18– Dominique & AJ

19– Aerial & Trevin

20– Mrs. S.

Thanks for providing snacks!!



We certainly had an enjoyable time on Friday when we went to Leisure Living and the Senior Citizen's Center in Hartford to sing Christmas songs to them.

Quotes of the Week–

"Resolve to read each day! It will make itself felt throughout your life! **Horace Mann**

"We have so much to learn, let us teach one another as kindly as we can!"

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